

News and Citizen

MORRISVILLE AND HYDE PARK

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Fighting for the right is never a lost cause, no matter how fierce the conflict or how fatal the end. It is a victory.

There may be every reason why food should be high in Europe, but there is no reason why it should be high in the United States.

John D. Rockefeller has given away approximately a quarter of a billion of dollars and it is strongly suspected that he is not quite "broke" yet.

When you consider the sizes of the solar system, the contents of the earth and the composition of man, there is no reason or excuse why anyone should be stuck on himself.

Iceland has frozen out the Demon Rum. The Parliament has passed a measure forbidding the sale of alcoholic liquors and the stock of wet goods on hand has been exported from the island.

The Free Press asks for one pledge that the Republican party of this state has fulfilled by the present legislature. Better adjust your glasses a trifle, you'll find that there are several pledges fulfilled and more on the way.

The legal fraternity of Vermont loses one of its best and most highly respected members in the death of C. W. Witters of St. Albans. A lawyer, who by close and attentive study made a high mark in his profession. His death is a loss to the State.

Burlington is now agitating a "convention" hall. Of course this "agitation" will result in just what that city needs—a modern hall for convention purposes. Burlington is a splendid city, delightfully located, easy of access by rail and good roads from all parts of the state and with splendid hotels, restaurants and boarding houses can take excellent care of a large crowd. The Queen City will make no mistake in providing an up-to-date convention hall.

We regretted to see but two members of the Lamontville county delegation in the present legislature voting for the lump salary sum last week. Mark Lovejoy of Stowe and Frank Davis of Johnson are entitled to the approval of their constituents by so voting. All parties last fall had such a plank in their platform and yet the bill was defeated by a big majority. Republicans, Democrats and Progressives going back on this plank of their platform. However, if the session is a short one this error will be overlooked to a great extent.

By reference to our Montpelier letter it will be seen that there is "considerable feeling" among the members of the House towards the abolition of the office of Attorney General. We believe the abolishing of this office would be a mistake. There are many times that the counsel of an expert attorney is needed by the state in various ways and the state would be at a loss should this important office be discontinued. Because this office may not have been managed or conducted the past two years as some would wish is no argument for abolishing it. The state is assured of a faithful and competent official in the present Attorney General and we believe that he will so conduct the affairs of that office that at the end of his term there will be no desire whatever to discontinue the office.

Music is one of the greatest tonics of the world. Many a person goes to church to hear the sweet and soul-refreshing music. A man in a neighboring town told us recently that "the preaching wasn't so very good, but the music was excellent" and that he could stand poor preaching when the music was good. Children should be taught music and encouraged to love it. Music polishes the temperament and ennobles the mind. All musicians are lovers, some more, some less, but all respond to the tenderest sentiments. In olden times these gay and festive fellows played beneath the windows of their sweethearts until the girls jumped to the ground in delight. They were soon enveloped in each others arms and away they flew to Heaven. Let us have more love, more music, more sweethearts, more marriages, and more money for the ministers, who seem to have lost this branch of their income. The marriage ceremony is the best sermon a minister can preach.

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Water Power in Vermont

In a recent editorial in the Burlington Free Press upon water power in Vermont that paper says:—

"What Vermont needs above all is a measure to encourage towns individually or collectively to develop water power, as has Morrisville, and to ensure the cooperation of disinterested engineering authorities such as the University of Vermont's engineering department would afford."

Correct! But along with the measure "to encourage towns" there should be a considerable amount of backbone and push on the part of towns and individuals therein. Had it not been for these Morrisville would not have secured its excellent and paying water power. To the local men, who not only saw the splendid privilege, but labored arduously to secure it, is due the credit for its success. Individual push is a great factor in such movements.

In this connection let us say that, if we are not mistaken, the first man to see the splendid opportunity for Morrisville and to take measures to set the scheme in motion was the late Channing B. Greene. To him we believe, more than to any other individual, is the credit due, Morrisville in some public way should show its appreciation of this man's efforts in this direction.

Beware the Slanderer

Don't misjudge men and women hastily. It is the motive that makes the act and the man. When you find anyone persistently endeavoring to injure another, watch him. By listening to lying, slander, hypocritical innuendo and the like, you are close to one who will injure you when it suits his selfish purpose. To start with, very few people are interested in one another's morals, the chances are they are laying a mine. There's an explosion coming somewhere. Many persons are injured by liars, who weep and whine while they lie, affecting great solicitude and sorrow over the faults of other folks who are virtue and innocence when matched with the clever rascals who are so much involved in moaning over their faults.

In ninety-nine cases out of every one hundred the man bubbling over with advice is worse than the fellow he is so broken hearted about. Many are injured by being misquoted. Their statements are falsified to suit the other's game. There are certain men and women in a community who mean to help their fellow-men and they are always ready to do so. These make very small noise about it. There are others whose entire lives are inspired by selfishness, and they always profit at the expense of the credit of tools who take stock in them. But the vast majority of people belong to the Booster's Club.

Refuting a Libel

Frequently we hear the Europeans sneer that Americans are a nation of money grabbers and worshippers of the almighty dollar, and yet the great fleet of thirty-five steamers loaded with food and clothing for the brave people of Belgium who made such heroic efforts for home and native land, is a suggestion that Americans have a heart and are acutely sensible of the suffering of their fellow men and cheerfully contribute to the relief of the destitute, who have no claims on them other than the claims of humanity.

The United States is a commercial nation sneers Europe, but in times of stress, the first appeal for relief is made to America, and out of the abundance of our resources we generously aid the stricken of war, of famine, of earthquake and of plague. The rich gifts to Belgium challenge the gross libel that Americans are selfish and live entirely to themselves, and the fact that the Belgians have the grace to be grateful for the mercies vouchsafed them by reason of the inherent kindness and sympathy of this republic is ample dividend of this investment in benevolence.

Chas. M. Sheldon in Vermont

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, well known in Morrisville through his marriage to the daughter of former residents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Merriam, and author of "In His Steps" and other well known books, is making a visit to Vermont as a member of the Flying Squadron, a group of national temperance workers. Mr. Sheldon spoke in Rutland last Saturday. In referring to Mr. Sheldon's visit at the former place and in Burlington Sunday the Rutland News says:

Charles M. Sheldon, the man who a few years ago ran a Kansas newspaper as he apprehended Jesus would have run it, tied up to the Rutland dock today with the Flying Squadron. We hereby fire the salute and dip the flag of welcome. Mr. Sheldon is an exceptionally handsome man, looking strikingly like the governor of Vermont.

A Prediction

If the prediction of Mr. Caswell, the member from Derby, that the Legislature will finish its business and adjourn after a 75 days session, comes true, the Legislature will have accomplished a very creditable thing. It certainly has commenced its work with creditable industry and if it gives full and correct consideration to all the important matters that will come before it within Mr. Caswell's time limit, there will be no cause for censure.—St. Johnsbury Caledonian.

Thank God, we have a Governor of the people, elected by the people, for the people, in the executive chair at the Capital, in Charles W. Gates.—Morrisville Messenger.

How much did the Messenger do towards putting him in the executive chair?

FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

MONTPELIER, Vt., Feb. 8th, 1915.

Esteemed Editor:—

The mills of the gods are grinding, and with rather increased momentum as the session waxes and wanes. As usual, it required some time for the bunch to get acquainted, to familiarize themselves with their surroundings, to inspect all the pictures, statuary, bugs in the glass cases and just how to use the liquid soap down stairs in the washroom; but these things off their minds they have discovered that life is not one glad, sweet song, and that a whole lot of very serious matters are urgently calling for their consideration and verdict. So, they have girded up their loins and mental processes, so to speak, and the look of placid curiosity has given place to one of grim determination.

Under the recently amended rules of the House that body had to be in session at least a half day last Saturday, during which time it cleaned up a large calendar and adjourned to 3 p. m., Monday. The Senate—not having the fear of Speaker Weeks before its eyes—adjourned Friday afternoon until 7.30 Monday evening. This latter date is selected in order that the outfit can get in a legislative working day Monday, tho of course nothing is ever done until Tuesday. At the close of Saturday's session of the House 294 bills had been introduced in that body, and nearly 70 have come into the Senate. Of all this mass of proposed legislation—under the head of good, bad and indifferent—I would classify it about as follows. Twenty per cent good, thirty per cent unqualifiedly bad—the perhaps because of their uselessness rather than because of any actual viciousness—and the great bulk of fifty per cent indifferent. Very indifferent indeed. But, so runs the world away.

Of the very important measures—those generally considered as real necessities—most, or many, of them are now out in the open for action. Probably, like Ben Adhem's name, the educational bill leads all the rest. I should say bills, properly, as another one—representing the views of those who are violently opposed to many of the provisions of the imported talent bill—is due in today. Then the issue will be joined and the great fight will become strenuous. In respect to these matters—education—we are now certain of only one thing. This is that if the "official" educational bill was to come up for disposal today it would be disastrously defeated. That is, if they had to take it or leave it, as it is. Of this there can be no doubt.

The workmen's compensation bill also came in today, and as far as heard from is considered fairly satisfactory to nearly all concerned. The bill contains 24 pages, and a large number of provisions. Very likely there will be fights over some sections, which may result in amendments, but the bill as a whole is about as satisfactory as any that could be framed where two opposing parties are to be reconciled.

As to appropriations, the legislature is wholly at sea as yet. It is not likely that the proposed "budget" commission, or board of estimate can be officially constituted in time to operate at this session, and so the appropriations committee—with the advice and assistance of various state officials—will likely later resolve itself into an unofficial board of estimate and discover just about how much it is going to take to run the state during the next biennial period and therefore how much can be spared for new appropriations at this session. This determined, the appropriation bill will be reported in—many of them with an adverse report—some of them favorably after shaving down the amounts asked for, and thus the decks will be cleared.

In the matter of a revision of "judicial procedure" for the purpose of simplifying such procedure and reducing the expense Gov. Gates has made a good beginning by the appointment of a committee of three, headed by Judge Powers, and these will at once get busy along the lines designated. If they do their full duty in the premises, as they undoubtedly will, the result will be a tremendous saving in time and money for everybody who is compelled to litigate a cause. Thus will a Republican platform pledge be most satisfactorily redeemed.

In this connection I may also add that practically all the platform pledges of that party—including many incorporated in the platforms of the other parties—are being well carried out by appropriate legislation, members of all parties in the legislature putting their shoulders valiantly to the wheel for that purpose.

In the matter of establishing a state detention farm—one of the accessories which the state so badly needs for abundant good reasons—the bill came back into the House on an unfavorable report, but has been recommitted to the committee for further consideration.

That there is a good majority of the general assembly in favor of a bill granting equal suffrage as far as our constitution will allow seems assured, and—tho the bill has not yet appeared—it is likely to go through without much difficulty, if unobjectionably worded. There is no disposition to prevent the ladies from voting, if they really desire the privilege, but most of the mere men hope they won't want to then.

There is apparently a growing sentiment in favor of a straight prohibitory law with a referendum string attached, but whether the bill to accomplish this

will be sufficiently supported to carry it through is doubted. In the matter of some sort of enlargement of the capitol building to answer the very pressing and urgent need of more room there is an overwhelming sentiment that something of the kind should and must be done at once, and legislation to that effect is apparently assured. The congested condition of the building in respect to lack of rooms for committee meetings and for the decent conduct of the state's routine business is generally acknowledged to be a crying shame. Except for the assumed moral obligation to repeal the enlarging act of two years ago, as per referendum, that act would be allowed to stand. As it is, about the same thing will in all probability be authorized.

Among those bills of some consequence whose fates are not yet finally decided are those providing for an agent in Boston, to handle the agricultural products of the state, and the bill abolishing the office of attorney-general, though both may be disposed of before this is in print. In the matter of locating an agricultural agent in some market city to whom consignments of farm produce might be shipped, the error of the supporters of the measure was in asking for so large an appropriation that it shocked the legislature.

The board of agriculture and forestry has a presumable permanent fund of \$20,000 for its purposes, and when it demands ten thousand more for this experiment it was too much of a straw for the committee's back.

As to the Attorney General, while all have the utmost respect for the present incumbent, there is a feeling that the expense does not justify the office, and that it is in a large measure unnecessary. Probably the sentiment of the House is in favor of abolishing the office, but the Senate will stick to it, with the excuse that if the Governor is no longer allowed to consult the Supreme Court he should have somebody as legal counsel. Each bill is now waiting on the other, but very likely they will come to a head this week.

All the varied and infinite bills to adjust and reorganize and regulate the tax laws are now being held by the committee, with the later intention of embracing them—or their main features of value—in one omnibus bill which it is hoped might prove acceptable. But there are as many different minds upon this subject as there are members, nearly, and when such a bill is reported look out for howls of discord and frantic attempts to amend.

Right here may be a good place to speak of the result of the bill to provide for "lump sum" compensation for the members. There is a very general sentiment that four dollars per diem is satisfactory, and the writer will say that if a member is not worth that to the state he should be placed in a hypnotic trance and headed up in a barrel till corn planting time! A few obviously are not, but as a whole this is no more than fair and just compensation. The attempt to rush the assembly into foreclosing itself into accepting a lump sum for the session—regardless of its length—was a piece of rank demagoguery which deserved to fail even more disastrously than it did!

The legislature is doing good, honest, hard work, and it doesn't want to remain here an hour after it does the work which is necessary to be done. For this service it will accept four dollars a day, which is a just and equitable wage. A parallel case to this "lump sum" foolishness would be for a farmer to sign an agreement to pay a hired man three dollars per day for two months—thus estimating the probable length of the sugaring season! Or, putting it another way, pledging himself to pay his hired man a "lump sum" of thirty dollars for the sugar season, be it more or less! What do you think of a farmer who would ask that, or a state which would try to force it?

A direct primary law is certain to be enacted—barring some almost impossible deadlock—and thus another platform pledge will be carried out. The legislature now has two bills under consideration, and it is a choice of which. Or, the most satisfactory provisions of each may be combined.

Well, I might continue the story of the legislature *ad infinitum*, but time and space will not allow. Come over yourself and see us!

OLD TIMER.

CORONACH.

He is gone on the mountain,
He is lost to the forest.
Like a summer dried fountain,
When our need was the sorest.
The font reappearing,
From the raindrops shall borrow.
But to us comes no cheering,
To Duncan no morrow!

The hand of the reaper
Takes the ears that are hoary.
But the voice of the weeper
Wails manhood in glory.
The autumn winds rushing
Waft the leaves that are sear-est.
But our flower was in flushing
When the blighting was nearest.

Fleet foot on the corral,
Sage counsel in lumber,
Red hand in the foray,
How sound is thy slumber!
Like the dew on the mountain,
Like the foam on the river,
Like the bubble on the fountain,
Thou art gone, and forever!

—Walter Scott.

NORTH HYDE PARK

V. A. Bullard and Haven Bullard were here last Thursday, looking after their lumber business.

Clarence Blake went to Cady's Falls last Friday, where he will visit his mother, Mrs. Herbert Corry.

Fred Currier of Richmond was here Tuesday; called by the death of his mother, Mrs. Currier.

Mattie Westover is making a visit this week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Ernest Mills of Johnson.

C. B. Souther is in Burlington this week, visiting Mrs. Souther, who is at the Mary Fletcher Hospital.

Miss Viola Kneeland and Guy Kneeland from Morrisville were here Sunday to see their grandfather, Joseph Foss.

Mrs. Mabel Faye of Morrisville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gallup last week, returning home Sunday.

The 5th annual Washington Ball will be held at Valley Hall Friday eve., Feb. 19th. Oyster supper. Full bill, \$1.50.

Mrs. Adah L. Holbrook and sons, Albert and Fred went to Montgomery last Sunday for a two weeks visit among friends.

Miss Bertha Page is in Johnson, nursing Mrs. Perley Mudgett. Mr. and Mrs. Mudgett are the parents of a baby boy, born Monday, Feb. 8.

Valdemar Mudgett, who has been staying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gallup, while attending the village school, went to his home in Lowell last Saturday for the vacation.

The village school taught by R. W. Crocker and Mrs. Mabel Griswold closed last Friday for the winter vacation. The usual good work was accomplished by both teachers and pupils during the term.

Mrs. Eula Kneeland was called home from Johnson last week, where she was nursing, by the serious illness of her father, Joseph Foss. Mr. Foss is suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis and his condition was such Tuesday that Dr. Chas. Bates of Morrisville was called in counsel with his attending physician, Dr. Stevens. The many friends of Mr. Foss hope for his speedy recovery.

The death of Mrs. Myra Currier occurred last Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Sargent, with whom she had lived since the death of her husband several years ago. Mrs. Currier has been in feeble health all winter, but the end came rather unexpectedly. She was tenderly cared for by her daughter and grandsons during her last sickness. The funeral was held at the house last Saturday afternoon, Rev. Tabor officiating, and was largely attended by neighbors friends and relatives. Mrs. Currier will be greatly missed in the home circle and the sympathy of all goes out to the relatives. Further notice of this estimable woman will be given later.

McKinstry Hill

Harry Bowen is working in Stowe, drawing logs.

B. E. Wheeler and Percy Ingalls were in Eden Sunday.

Mrs. George Stewart was at Mrs. L. S. Griswold's Friday.

Mr. Hutchinson of Lowell was a visitor on the Hill Saturday.

Perley Cleveland's housekeeper has departed for parts unknown.

Elder G. W. Tabor of Morrisville was at Geo. Stewart's the first of the week.

Centerville

Will Isham visited relatives at the Street a part of last week.

The Misses Manning of Eden were recent visitors at Mrs. William Griswold's, their grandmother.

Murray Calkins has again taken up work in the hide house. He drives a handsome horse, recently purchased of George Seymore.

Eden Mills

Get your jewelry, &c., repaired right here. See Business Notice.

Next Friday night at Hotel Mt. Norris there will be a Lincoln birthday ball. A cordial invitation to attend. See bills.

East Cambridge

C. L. Demeritt is spending a few days in Burlington with his family.

Plummer Fletcher and family visited his mother in Waterville Sunday.

F. H. Fallington attended a reunion and banquet at Montpelier Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. A. D. Rugg and son Clayton visited her mother Mrs. Chas. Ober in South Cambridge Thursday.

Mrs. Dennis Parady and Mrs. Pearl Titus and son of Johnson spent Saturday at Robert Flauders.

R. J. Caswell and two daughters of Morrisville visited his sister, Mrs. N. J. Nye and family, Sunday.

Napoleon's Pen-Wiper.

According to the biographers of Napoleon, his breeches were always of white cashmere. It often happened that two hours after leaving his chamber the breeches were spotted with ink by reason of the Corsican's habit of wiping his pen on them and of shaking ink all around him. It was a favorite trick of his to strike his pen against the edge of a table and, of course, the breeches suffered.

Furthermore, it appears that, however the great man dressed in the morning, that was his dress for the whole day, since he would not change his toilet until nightfall. The inside of his boots was lined with white muslin.

EDEN

The Aid Society met Feb. 4 at Mrs. W. J. Atwell's.

Mandeville Hardy called on friends in town Tuesday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Wiltshire, Feb. 8.

Miss Elizabeth Roby is passing the week in Johnson, visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Hazen.

All those in favor of establishing a town library be ready to say so on and before town meeting day.

Mrs. B. L. Blake has returned home, after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Leo Gould, in Elnore.

A young child of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Whittemore was badly burned Tuesday morning by falling into a tub of boiling water.

Mrs. C. A. Dodge has returned home. For the past few weeks she has been at Greensboro, caring for Mrs. Buchanan, who has been ill.

Garfield

Lewis Laclair is ill and under the Drs. care.

Ernest Butterfield is drawing pulp wood for B. J. Taylor.

Harry Davis and wife called on friends in Hyde Park Saturday.

Miss Grace Laclair was home from her work in Morrisville Sunday.

Mrs. Minnie Smalley was a guest at the home of Ella Tresscott last Thursday.

D. H. Bedell of Morrisville was a business visitor in this place last Saturday.

Mrs. Alberto Sherwood is spending this week with Mrs. Homer Edmunds in Morrisville.

E. A. Combs, who has been ill and under the doctor's care, is so to be at work in his shop again.

Mrs. Louise Newland, who has been spending several weeks with Mrs. Minnie Smalley in Morrisville, is now stopping at Lee Emersons.

Cambridge Junction

Ralph Irwin and family are at D. J. Morgan's.

Mrs. Watson was in Bakersfield a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Labounty spent Sunday at G. K. Marsh's.

Pearl Haire and family spent Sunday with relatives in Waterville.

Since the last snow logs are being drawn to the Griswold mill in large numbers.

Miss Ruth Sweet was home over Saturday and Sunday from Morrisville, where she is attending school.

Riverside

Gilbert Broadwell and wife were at Cady's Falls last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Mills visited her brother, Silas and Fred Whitcomb, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Elliott and son visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lucas, Sunday.

Harry Broadwell and family of Barre are at Gilbert Broadwell's for a two-weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goodwin and children from the Street were at the electric plant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ruggles and children from Johnson were at David Trudeau's Sunday.

Miss Rose Gilwee, who has been several weeks at James Roddy's, returned to St. Albans Monday.

Mrs. Griswold from Centerville and the Manley brothers visited at J. D. Button's the first of the week.

Miss Helen Bucklin spent several days recently with her aunt, Mrs. George Jewett, at the Center.

Mrs. Lench from Morrisville visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Horner at the Cox cottage recently.

Vernon Quimby spent Sunday here with his family. He returned Sunday night to his work on the mountain.

Misses Dorcas Sawyer, Dora Fairbanks and Sara Chapin from the Street visited the electric light station last Sunday.

Chas. Manning's two daughters from Eden visited at John Button's last week. They also visited their grandmother at Centerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pirkey from Montpelier spent last week at the home of her brother, Chas. Lucas. They returned home Sunday.

Several from this place attended the funeral of Mrs. Myra Currier, widow of the late Barney Currier who died Tuesday of last week, at her late home at the North Village Saturday. She was an old resident of this place, having resided here many years and was highly respected by all of her old neighbors and friends. Interment was in the Barnes cemetery.

Estate of Moses J. Leach

State of Vermont—District of Lamoille, ss. The Honorable Probate Court for the District of Lamoille.

To all persons interested in the Estate of Moses J. Leach, late of Wolcott in said District, deceased. Greeting: At a Probate Court, held at Hyde Park, within and for said District, on the 4th day of February, A. D. 1915, an instrument purporting to be the last WILL and TESTAMENT of Moses J. Leach, late of Wolcott, in said District, deceased, was presented to the Court aforesaid for Probate. And it is ordered by said Court that the 1st day of March, A. D. 1915, at the Probate Office, in said Hyde Park, be assigned for proving said instrument, and that notice thereof be given to all persons concerned by publishing this order three weeks successively in the News and Citizen, a newspaper circulating in that vicinity, in said District, previous to the time appointed. Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court, at the time and place aforesaid, and contest the probate of said Will, if you have cause. Given under my hand at Hyde Park, in said District, this 4th day of February, 1915. NOYES G. WOOD, Judge.